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## Letter dated 16 September 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 2173 (2014) of 27 August 2014 on the situation in Darfur, in paragraph 5 of which the Council requested an update by 15 September 2014 on the streamlining of the civilian component of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID).

As endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 2148 (2014) of 3 April 2014, streamlining UNAMID components is an integral part of the implementation of the strategic review presented in my special report of 25 February 2014 (S/2014/138). Accordingly, over recent months the mission has recalibrated its activities towards the three newly defined strategic priorities, discontinued all other tasks and conducted a comprehensive assessment and adjustment of personnel and material capacities of UNAMID.

As stated in my report of 15 April 2014 (S/2014/279), the first phase of streamlining focused on assessing uniformed personnel and some civilian sections (HIV/AIDS, gender, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, child protection and rule of law). This process led to a reduction of 723 individual police officers, four formed police units, four professional police posts, 200 military observers, staff officers and liaison officers, and one heavy transport company, as well as of 84 civilian staff, representing 46 per cent of the posts in those civilian components.

The second and third phases concentrated on the remaining substantive sections, as well as the mission support and security sections. These exercises have resulted in the reduction of a further 1,055 posts, comprising 171 substantive, 591 mission support and 293 security posts. In this regard and in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 2173 (2014), I intend to submit, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a phased reduction of an overall 1,139 posts, or 24 per cent of the approved civilian component of UNAMID. It is my intention that this reduction will be implemented by the end of 2015, with the expectation that the majority of the downsizing will take place within the first six months. I will keep the Security Council apprised of progress in this regard.

There will also be a corresponding impact on the operational resources required by the mission. While a comprehensive assessment will be presented in the context of my next budget proposal, adjustments to major logistical capacities include reductions in vehicle holdings by up to 1,000 vehicles, including approximately 200 medium/heavy vehicles, as well as in the aviation fleet.

I would be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) BAN Ki-moon

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